

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 824

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A RESOLUTION to endorse the "Read Across America" program.

WHEREAS, the citizens of Tennessee stand firmly committed to promoting reading as the catalyst for our students' future academic success in their preparation as America's future workforce, thus enabling them to compete in a global economy; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee has provided significant leadership in the area of community involvement in the education of our youth, grounded in the principle that educational investment is key to the state's well-being and long-term quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the National Education Association and the Tennessee Education Association's "Read Across America" program, a national celebration of Dr. Seuss's birthday held on March 3, 2008, promotes reading and adult involvement in the education of our state's students; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the General Assembly calls on the citizens of Tennessee to assure that every child is in a safe place reading together with a caring adult on March 3, 2008.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body enthusiastically endorses NEA's and TEA's "Read Across America" program and recommits our state to engage in programs and activities to make America's children the best readers in the world.